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SUBJECT:BELGRADE CSCE--EC-9 DRAFT TEXT ON IMPLEMENTATION ASSESSMENT

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF DRAFT LANGUAGE ON IMPLEMENTATION ASSESSMENT
TABLED IN PLENARY BY EC-9, NORWAY AND CANADA DECEMBER 16. IT
IS INTENDED TO REPRESENT FLESH FOR SECTION III OF FRENCH
"SKELETON" CONCLUDING DOCUMENT. ORIGINAL DRAFT WAS STRENGTHENED
BY EC-9 AS RESULT OF USDEL RECOMMENDATIONS IN NATO CAUCUS
DURING PAST WEEK.
BEGIN TEXT.

PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY THE DELEGATIONS OF BELGIUM, DENMARK,
FRANCE, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, IRELAND, ITALY, LUXEMBOURG,
NETHERLANDS AND THE UNITED KINGDOM.

THE MEMBER STATES OF THE FOLLOWING TEXT IN THE
CONCLUDING DOCUMENT OF THE BELGRADE MEETING 1977. THE
TEXT IS DESIGNED TO FILL THE SECOND SECTION OF PART III
OF THE "OUTLINE OF CONCLUDING DOCUMENT" CONTAINED IN THE
PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY THE DELEGATION OF FRANCE (BM/61).

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PARTICIPATING STATES EX-
CHANGED VIEWS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF
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THE FINAL ACT SIGNED AT HELSINKI ON 1 AUGUST 1975, AND
NOTED THE FOLLOWING POINTS.

QUESTIONS RELATING TO SECURITY IN EUROPE

DECLARATION ON PRINCIPLES GUIDING RELATIONS BETWEEN
PARTICIPATING STATES AND MATTERS RELATED TO GIVING EFFECT

TO CERTAIN OF THE ABOVE PRINCIPLES

THE PARTICIPATING STATES NOTED THAT CERTAIN PRINCIPLES HAD NOT BEEN FULLY OBSERVED. IN THIS CONTEXT THEY HAD A COMPREHENSIVE AND FRANK EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE PRINCIPLE CONCERNING RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS INCLUDING THE FREEDOM OF THOUGHT, CONSCIENCE, RELIGION AND BELIEF. RELATIONS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE PARTICIPATING STATES HAD IN GENERAL DEVELOPED IN A POSITIVE MANNER, BUT INSTITUTIONS, ORGANISATIONS AND PERSONS HAD IN SOME CASES BEEN PREVENTED FROM PLAYING THE RELEVANT AND POSITIVE ROLE ACCORDED TO THEM BY THE FINAL ACT ITSELF. THE PARTICIPATING STATES RECOGNISED THAT THE EXCHANGE OF DIFFERING VIEWS ON THE APPLICATION OF THE PRINCIPLES HAD IN ITSELF CONTRIBUTED TO BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE FINAL ACT AND ITS PURPOSES. THEY EMPHASISED THAT THE PRINCIPLES ARE ALL OF PRIMARY SIGNIFICANCE AND IMPORTANT FOR THEIR COMMON SECURITY AND COOPERATION. ANY FAILURE TO APPLY ANY OF THEM CAUSES DAMAGE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF NORMAL AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THEM AND BETWEEN THEIR PEOPLES.

DOCUMENT ON CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURES AND CERTAIN ASPECTS OF SECURITY AND DISARMAMENT

THE PARTICIPATING STATES NOTED THAT SOME PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE IN THE STRENGTHENING OF CONFIDENCE AMONG
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THEM AS A RESULT OF IMPLEMENTATION BY ALL STATES OF THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS SET OUT IN THAT SECTION OF THE FINAL ACT DEALING WITH CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURES. THEY NOTED THAT THERE HAD BEEN IMPORTANT DIFFERENCES IN THE MANNER IN WHICH SOME OF THESE MEASURES HAD BEEN IMPLEMENTED. IN PARTICULAR, THEY OBSERVED THAT A NUMBER OF STATES HAD IMPLEMENTED CERTAIN PROVISIONS IN A LIBERAL FASHION, ESPECIALLY BY NOTIFYING THEIR SMALLER SCALE MANOEUVRES, BY GIVING OBSERVERS FULL AND ADEQUATE OPPORTUNITIES TO FOLLOW THE MANOEUVRES TO WHICH THEY HAD BEEN INVITED AND BY PROVIDING AMPLE INFORMATION WHEN NOTIFYING MANOEUVRES. WHILE NOTING THAT NO MAJOR MILITARY MOVEMENT HAD BEEN NOTIFIED, THEY OBSERVED THAT SOME STATES HAD REPORTED TROOP MOVEMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH MANOEUVRES.

IN EXCHANGING VIEWS ON QUESTIONS RELATING TO DISARMAMENT AND GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS, THE PARTICIPATING STATES EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT GREATER PROGRESS TOWARDS

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GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT UNDER STRICT AND EFFEC-
TIVE INTERNATIONAL CONTROL HAD NOT BEEN ACHIEVED IN THE
RELEVANT NEGOTIATIONS. THEY NOTED, HOWEVER, THE IMPROVED
PROSPECTS FOR PROGRESS ON IMPORTANT MATTERS RESULTING
FROM RECENT INCREASED ACTIVITY IN THE FIELD OF DISARMA-
MENT AND ARMS CONTRO.

COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF ECONOMICS, OF SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY AND OF THE ENVIRONMENT

THE PARTICIPATING STATES ACKNOWLEDGED THAT MUTUAL
TRADE HAD GROWN IN THE PAST TWO YEARS, BUT IT STILL DID
NOT REFLECT ITS FULL POTENTIAL. SOME LIMITED IMPROVE-
MENTS WERE NOTED, BUT THERE WAS A NEED FOR A GREATER
EFFORT TO ENSURE THE FULL UNILATERAL IMPLEMENTATION OF
THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF THE FINAL ACT, PARTICULARLY
IN THE AREA OF BUSINESS CONTACTS AND FACILITIES AS
WELL AS IN THE FURNISHING OF ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL
INFORMATION. THE PARTICIPATING STATES DISCUSSED THE
GROWTH OF COOPERATION IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN
THE ENVIRONMENT, AND NOTED THE NEED TO INCREASE DIRECT
CONTACTS BETWEEN SCIENTISTS AND SPECIALISTS IN THESE
AREAS. THEY EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE WORK
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THE POSSIBLE CONVENING OF A HIGH LEVEL MEETING ON THE
ENVIRONMENT.

THEY NOTED WITH CONCERN THE DISEQUILIBRIUM CURRENTLY
EXISTING WITHIN EUROPE IN THE FIELD OF TRANSPORT. THEY

ALSO NOTED WITH CONCERN THE REPERCUSSIONS OF THE RECENT EVOLUTION OF THE WORLD ECONOMY ON THE SOLUTION OF A NUMBER OF ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, HUMAN AND OTHER PROBLEMS IN THE FIELD OF MIGRANT LABOUR. THEY DISCUSSED THE CONTINUING COOPERATION BETWEEN HOST COUNTRIES AND COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN AND RECONGISED THE NEED TO FURTHER INTENSIFY THAT COOPERATION.

THROUGHOUT THEIR DISCUSSIONS OF THE ECONOMIC PROVISIONS OF THE FINAL ACT, PARTICIPAIING STATES FIRSTLY RECOGNISED THE VALUABLE ROLE PLAYED BY THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE AS THE MAIN VEHICLE FOR MULTILATERAL INPLEMENTATION. THEY ALSO RECOGNISED THE CONTINUING NEED TO TAKE FULLY INTO ACCOUNT NOT ONLY THE DIFFERENCES IN THEIR LEVELS OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BUT ALSO THE INTERESTS OF THESE COUNTRIES AMONG THEM WHICH ARE DEVELOPING FROM THE ECONOMIC POINT OF VIEW. FUTHERMORE IN THE WIDER INTERNATIONAL DIMENSION, THEY NOTED THE LACK SO FAR OF A JOINT APPROACH TO HELP SOLVE THE PROBLEMS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

QUESTIONS RELATING TO SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

THE PARTICIPATING STATES EXCHANGED VIEWS ON QUESTIONS RELATING TO SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN, TAKING ACCOUNT OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY THE NON-PARTICIPING MEDITERRANEAN STATES. THEY NOTED THAT SOME EFFORTS HAD BEEN MADE ON A BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL BASIS IN ORDER TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF GOOD-NEIGHBOURLY RELATIONS. THEY EXPRESSED, HOWEVER, UNCLASSIFIED

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THEIR CONCERN AT THE PERSISTING TENSION OF THE REGION. THEY RECOGNISES WITH SATISFACTION THAT SOME POSITIVE RESULTS HAD BEEN ACHIEVED IN CONTRIBUTING TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE NON-PARTICIPATING MEDITERRANEAN STATES.

COOPERATION IN HUMANITARIAN AND OTHER FIELDS

THE PARTICIPATING STATES NOTED SOME PROGRESS IN FACILITATING FREER MOVEMENT AND CONTACTS AMONG INDIVIDUALS, INCLUDING CASES INVOLVING FAMILY TIES, FAMILY REUNIFICATION AND MARRIAGE BETWEEN CITIZEN OF DIFFERENT STATES. BUT EHEY EXPRESSED CONCERN AT THE NUMBER OF CASES IN THESE AREAS WHICH REMAIN UNRESOLVED, DESPITE EXPECTATIONS THAT THE GENERAL PRACTICE WOULD REFLECT THE FAVOURABLE, POSITIVE AND HUMANITARIAN SPIRIT OF THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF THE FINAL ACT. THEY ALSO NOTED THAT NOTWITHSTANDING CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS IN FACILITATING WIDER TRAVEL, CONSIDERABLE RESTRICTIONS STILL REMAIN ON EXIT FROM CERTAIN PARTICIPATING STATES.

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THEY RECONGISED THAT LITTLE PROGRESS HAD BEENMADE
IN FACILITATING THE FREER AND WIDER DISSEMINATION OF
INFORMATION, PARTICULARLY AS REGARDS ACCESS IN SOME
PARTICIPATING STATES TO NEWSPAPERS AND PRINTED PUBLICA-
TIONS FROM OTHERS. THEY NOTED THAT EFFORTS HAD BEEN
MADE TO IMPROVE WORKING CONDITIONS FOR JOURNALISTS, BUT
THAT MUCH STILL REMAINED TO BE DONE IN THIS FIELD. THE
PARTICIPATING STATES NOTED SOME PROGRESS IN THE DEVELOP-
MANT OF OFFICIAL CULTURAL EXCHANGES, BUT ACKNOWLEDGED
THAT MUCH REMAINED TO BE DONE TO IMPLEMENT SPECIFIC PRO-
VISIONS OF THE FINAL ACT IN THE CULTURAL FIELD, IN PAR-
TICULAR THE REMOVAL OF OBSTACLES TO CONTACT AND COMMUNICA-
TION BETWEEN PERSONS ENGAGED IN CULTURAL ACTIVITIES.
SIMILAR DIFFICULTIES WERE NOTED IN THE FILEDS OF EDUCATION
AND SCIENCE. IN THIS AREA THERE HAD BEEN AN INCREASE IN
THE VOLUME OF EXCHANGES UNDER BILATERAL CULTURAL AGREE-
MENTS AND PROGRAMMES, BUT THIS HAD NOT BEEN MATCHED BY
PROGRESS IN IMPROVING WORKING CONDITIONS FOR VISITING
SCHOLARS AND SCIENTISTS, OR MAKING IT EASIER FOR THEM
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